## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

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Please amend the claims so that they read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A heat-resistant plastic tube comprising:

at least one layer consisting essentially of a polyester-based elastomer including at least one of a polyester-polyester block copolymer with a hard segment component and a soft segment component and a polyester-polyether block copolymer with a hard segment component and a soft segment component;

wherein the tube exhibits a change amount in angle of  $\pm$  10° or less in a shape retainability performance test, a change rate in inner diameter of  $\pm$  2% or less in a dimensional stability performance test, and a change rate in yield strength of  $\pm$  30% or less in a flexibility retainability performance test.

- 2. (Currently Amended) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 1, wherein the tube emprises consists essentially of a single layer of the polyester-based elastomer.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 1, wherein the tube comprises:

an inner layer emprising a consisting essentially of the polyester-based elastomer and an outer layer formed on an the outside of the inner layer and comprising a crystalline polyester-based resin.

4. (Currently Amended) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 1, wherein the tube comprises an inner layer comprising a crystalline polyester-based resin and an outer layer formed on an the outside of the inner layer and comprising a consisting essentially of the polyester-based elastomer.

5. (Currently Amended) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 1, wherein the tube comprises at least an inner layer emprising a consisting essentially of the polyester-based elastomer, an intermediate layer formed on an the outside of the inner layer and comprising a crystalline polyester-based resin, and an outer layer formed on an the outside of the intermediate layer and comprising a consisting essentially of the polyester-based elastomer.

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- 6. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 1, wherein the tube is a fuel feed tube usable within an engine compartment of a motor vehicle.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 2, wherein the tube is a fuel feed tube usable within an engine compartment of a motor vehicle.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 3, wherein the tube is a fuel feed tube usable within an engine compartment of a motor vehicle.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 4, wherein the tube is a fuel feed tube usable within an engine compartment of a motor vehicle.
- 10. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 5, wherein the tube is a fuel feed tube usable within an engine compartment of a motor vehicle.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 1, wherein the tube further comprises a bellows portion extending at least part of its length.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 2, wherein the tube further comprises a bellows portion extending at least part of its length.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 3, wherein the tube further comprises a bellows portion extending at least part of its length.

- 14. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 4, wherein the tube further comprises a bellows portion extending at least part of its length.

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- 15. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 5, wherein the tube further comprises a bellows portion extending at least part of its length.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 3, wherein an innermost of the layers has a surface resistivity in a range of from 102 to 109 W/sq.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 4, wherein an innermost of the layers has a surface resistivity in a range of from 102 to 109 W/sq.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 5, wherein an innermost of the layers has a surface resistivity in a range of from 102 to 109 W/sq.
- 19. (Original) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 13, wherein an innermost of the layers has a surface resistivity in a range of from 102 to 109 W/sq.
- 20. (Original) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 14, wherein an innermost of the layers has a surface resistivity in a range of from 102 to 109 W/sq.
- 21. (Original) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 15, wherein an innermost of the layers has a surface resistivity in a range of from 102 to 109 W/sq.

Claims 22-26 (canceled)

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27. (New) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 1, wherein the tube, after being set in a thermal bending mold with an angle of 90°, left in an air oven at a temperature of 190°C or higher for 30 minutes and thereafter taken out therefrom and immediately cooled in water for 5 minutes, exhibits a change amount in angle of  $\pm$  10° or less in shape retainability performance test rate.

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28. (New) The heat-resistant plastic tube according to Claim 1, wherein the at least one layer further comprises at least one of a compound having a functional group for improving adhesion, an antioxidant, a coloring agent, an antistatic agent, a flame retarder, a reinforcing agent, a stabilizer, a forming auxilliary and a conductive material.